

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A cosmetic comprising a hydroxyl compound obtained by reaction of a di- or a higher-valent alcohol with a monovalent carboxylic acid and dimer acid, characterized in that the hydroxyl compound is obtained by reacting diglycerin with isostearic acid, and then reacting the obtained ester compound with dimer acid, and that a molar ration among diglycerin, isostearic acid, and dimer acid is 1.0 : 1.4 to 1.6 : 0.5 to 0.8.

2. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the molar ration among diglycerin, isostearic acid and dimer acid is 1.0 : 1.45 to 1.55 : 0.55 to 0.75.

3. (Original) The cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the molar ration among diglycerin, isostearic acid, and dimer acid is 1.0 : 1.47 to 1.53 : 0.6 to 0.7.

4. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the hydroxyl value of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 30 to 80.

5. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the hydroxyl value of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 40 to 70.

6. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein a viscosity at 60 degrees C of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 2,000 to 15,000 mPa.s.

7. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein a viscosity at 60 degrees C of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 2,500 to 10,000 mPa.s.

8. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein a viscosity at 60 degrees C of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 3,000 to 8,000 mPa.s.

9. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, wherein a number of average molecular weight of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 2,000 to 7,000.

10. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of the hydroxyl compound is in a range of from 3,000 to 6,000.